Immense supplies were now brought in to Norfolk and Portsmouth and from North Carolina and other States south to

THE CAPTURE OF NORFOLK, VA.

and whence swift steamers secretly and and whence swift steamers secretly and silently departed for England or the Ba-lamas laden with cotton, tobacco, etc., bringing back munitions of war for the rebels. The captains and owners also

rought to Wilmington large and valua-

ble cargoes of dry-goods and other salable goods, which could only be purchased by the wealthy or fairly wealthy. I remem-ber that the arrival at Wilmington of a

blockade-runner was the occasion of ex-treme rejoicing and agitation in Rich-

mond, and immediately long lines of He-brew merchants and Americans, too,

might be seen, rapidly marching to the

Petersburg depot, where they took cars

for Wilmington to make purchases of blockade goods for the Richmond market. The blockade goods were sold at public

auction in Wilmington to the highest bid-

der, for gold, as I was informed by the

Norfolk district, which materially weak

ened the garrison at Norfolk and Sewel's

Point; precisely what Gen. Butler had de

Gen. Butler's army and fleet, being now ready, proceeded out of Hampton Roads,

in broad daylight, and its course was di-rectly south, and soon disappeared in the distance, all of which seemed to fully con-

firm to the rebel mind the information they had received regarding the proposed

attack by the Federal fleet on Wilming-

and army, turned about and returned to

Hampton Roads and Fort Monroe, rapidliampton Roads and Fort Monroe, rapidly disembarking well to the left of the heavy fortifications at Sewel's Point, and nearly opposite the old "Ripraps" fort. The small garrison of the Point, discover-

ing the movement just before daybreak, rapidly evacuated the post, retiring on

Norfolk, and, seizing the ferry-boats and small vessels of all descriptions, hastily crossed the Elizabeth River to Ports-mouth, rapidly continuing their flight to the bridge which spans the river known

as the Western Branch, some three miles west of Portsmouth, then burned the

up, she being unit to proceed outside even up the James to Richmond; and her

rew, crossing over to the south side of he Elizabeth, hed toward Suffolk and

Crancy Island, at the mouth of the

But the rebs were sharper than the Federal commander gave them credit for,

Gen. Robert Viele was placed in com-mand, with headquarters in Portsmouth.

Hospital and inclosing that splendid hulld-

and fleeing to Suffolk.

About midnight the General, his fleet

signed and anticipated.

stand on end.



By PROF. WM. J. DEWES.

#### A Before-the-War Corn-Shucking.

galde headwaters of the Nausemand River.
This river has its source several miles above Suffolk, and flows the control of the Nausemand River. above Suffolk, and flows through a beautiful farming country. A great and profitable oyster-planting industry is carried on some 12 or 15 miles from its mouth. The river empties into Hampton Roads about between the Rivers James and

Suffolk is the County seat of Nanse mond County, and is approached from the west over a very substantial bridge that spans the Nansemond River at the foot of the sloping little mountain, or hill, on which the town is picturesquely situated. Suffelk was noted before the war, and is now, for its prolific crops of corn, sweet potatoes, fruits, melons and the succulent and ever-loved peanut, or "goober." Yet, I remember when a boy that a half-bushel of "goobers" could not be sold in the Suffolk market in a week, even at 3 or 4 cents per quart; and I remember, also, that about this period I (then a little boy) became bankrupt because of having injudicionaly but in an exceedingly "crap" of these same toothsome "goobers."

AN "OLD VIRGINE" CORN SHUCKING. On the invisible wings of memory I fly back, for a moment, to the bright days of boyhood. A Vision! Time, about 1842. Scene, the farm house of Henry Darden, near Barber's Crossroads, some four or five miles west of Suffolk. In front of a five miles west of Sunois. In front of a large corn crib capable of holding from 500 to 1,000 bushels of corn extends a ridge of corn in the shuck 70 or 80 yards in length and six to eight in hight. Some 50 or more people are collected, and there are rosy-checked maidens, the neighboring farmer and his wife, and the negroes by the dozen, that have come to help "Massa" Darden "shuck dat corn," drink apple brandy and fare sumptuously at the grand "midnight supper." All are admiring the monster ridge of corn, counting the grains on some of the larger ears, while the young men are slyly secreting the red ears for special use later; for it is the custom, long established, that whoever "red ear" has the privilege of kiss ing any person present, regardless of their being maid or matron; and the negroes also enjoy the same privilege with their dusky sweethearts.

"Now, you, Jim Ely, you fotch 'a rider' (fence rail) to put across de middle ob de corn pile, so'se to be ready fer de race."

A fence rail is placed across the middle of the pile of corn, and at the word "go," given by some young lady, the race commences, after the negroes had been equally

Old Dick Darden again cries out, "You, dar, George Dews, you jes come er way fum dat gate and round up de corners ob de pile er corn. What you stayin' bout dat gate fer, any way, you yaller nigger?" George, a splendid-looking mulatto, is from the Dews farm.
"You ole black nigger," replies George,

appears with 30 or 40 negroes, some from the farm, and the balance from the various farms on the route who had joined in to swell the numbers of moving "corn-As this band of negroes passes in the gate they sing, in thunder tones, as darkies only can sing, the popular song, made up by the negroes, of "We are all gwine to de shucking."

In their immediate front is carried a plump, joyous little white boy, some nine years of age, who is playing vigorously on his little violin the everlasting tune of "We are gwine to de shuckin'," in concert with his colored friends, who have him perched up in their black, brawny

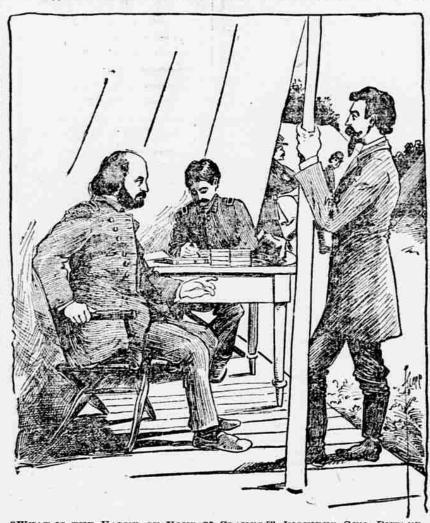
SUFFOLK, VA. thands and arms, for the negroes had The writer, having been born within a formed a comfortable chair with their on either of the two Federal vessels while few miles of Suffolk, and connected with the Commissary Department at Portsmouth during the latter part of the war, mouth during the latter part of the war,

proclamation calling all to arms. The volunteer militin companies of Portsmouth, with some artillers, were ordered to seize the Norfolk Navy Yard, located on the southern bank of the Elizabeth River, and adjoining that suburb of Portsmouth, known as "Gosport." This Navy Yard contained many large cannon, shops, immense shipyard, with probably the most magnificent drydock in the country. Hearing of the threatened attack on the yard by the rebels, the Navy Department at Washington ordered Commodore Paulding to Portsmouth, who, on arrival, scuttled to protect the Union, they are "Southern the "Southern the "Southern the Navy Yard skipped out with the retiring Confederates, but a very large majority remained and were given employ ment under the new regime, and it was assonishing to note how rapidly many workmen changed their political views and declared that the "Old Flag" looked fresher, more beautiful and grander than change in the views of the friends of the Union, particularly in the Counties of the SLAVE OWNER'S EXPERIENCE WITH Control of the military supposing that the "Southern the Navy Yard skipped out with the retiring Confederates, but a very large majority remained and were given employ ment under the new regime, and it was assonishing to note how rapidly many workmen changed their political views and declared that the "Old Flag" looked fresher, more beautiful and grander than ever, "yes, sah."

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was destroyed, or partially destroyed.

Commodore Paulding then passed out of the harbor in the Cumberland, with his when the Merrimac was rapidly built up from the hull of an old war vessel. guns run out ready for action. The rebels with cannon and small arms lined the Richmond by way of the Weldon and Richmond Road, with none to molest or water-front at the docks, but did not fire make them afraid. Recruiting in the northeast Counties received an immense impetus, owing to the evacuations of Nor-



"WHAT IS THE VALUE OF YOUR 20 SLAVES?" INQUIRED GEN. BUTLER.

which the boys romp and play, while the "shuckers" sing in tremendous tones, "Oh, Johnny Booker, help dis nigger." "Run, nigger, run de paterole ketch you," and other corn-shucking songs, while "Marse Joe" from time to time adds the tones of his little violin to this mights "concord of

The fun and merriment go on and on till the grand midnight supper is announced, when they are escorted to the table, spread with every tempting viand-hog and hominy, roast pork, stewed oys-ters, roast turkey and the darky's special

present, and sang as a parting song-'We'll blow dat horn and shuck dat corn.

We are all gwine to de shuckin'; And we'll shuck dat corn and blow dat

We are gwine to de shuckin' ob de corn. The beautiful vision fades away; but I may add that the chubby little boy vio-linist, whom the gentle and faithful slave negroes affectionately called "Marse Joe,"

of the corn pile, while the white managers, date it is difficult to properly estimate walk around and encourage both parties the conditions surrounding the movement. to "shuck" fast and win the race. Soon limited in the evacuation by the piles of shucks are thrown to the rear in Federal vessels of war the rebels garrisoned Portsmouth, and commenced the fortifications at Sewal's Point, on the left entrance of the Elizabeth River, which extended in the direction of Lynhayen other corn-shucking songs, while "Marse Bay, noted for its famous oysters. Near-Joe" from time to time adds the tones of by is located Ocean View summer resort, his little violin to this mighty "concord of Crany Island, immediately at the mouth of the Elizabeth River, was also strongly fortified, although it was nothing but a sand hill. I remember, as a youth in Portsmouth, that it was the terminal of our "beat club" races, and a favorite resort of the young men of Portsmouth and Nor-folk during the Fall months, when we en-"You ole black nigger," replies George, "who is yer hollerin' at, any way; Mars Joe sont me ahead by dis gate to open it when he an' his band come, and here I'se gwine to stay; an', for de Lord, he is comin', for I hears de shoutin', de singin' and Marse Joe's fiddle."

ters, roast turkey and the darky's special fook uning the Fan Amount of the delictious oyster roast and the del we were richly repaid for the little labor

> Within the limits of Portsmouth was the Navy Yard, the U. S. powder works, and the Naval Hospital, a splendid insti-It will thus be seen that the rebels

> gained an exceedingly valuable acquisi-tion to their then limited naval and shipbuilding resources.
> Suffolk, Va., some 18 miles from Ports-

s the writer.

SECESSION OF VIRGINIA.

Soon after the secession of Virginia, in the Spring of 1861, the Governor issued a been stauch supporters of the United

It was now announced by the militar authorities that all slaves were free in the towns of Norfolk and Portsmouth. A few slave owners near Portsmouth at this time ran off to Suffolk and North Carolina carrying their negroes with them, despit the proclamation of freedens. Amon these slave owners was an old acquain ance of the writer, Mr. Logan Hurst, mouth, at the mouth of the Dismai Swam

Logan fled with some 20 of his negro few miles of Suffolk, and connected with the Commissary Department at Portsmouth during the latter part of the war, is very familiar with that portion of Virginia, and many interesting and entertaining scenes and incidents connected with the war of the war of the real connected with the war of the war of

might be expected; and no other attempts lows: "No I have the honor of meeting of consequence were made to recapture this valuable Norfolk mayal station until "You have, General," said Logan, "if

the early Spring of 1862, when Gen. Wood and Gen. Butler, with a force variously estimated at from 5,600 to 10,000 soldiers of all arms, advanced upon the rear of "Why—er, General, I carried them to of all arms, advanced upon the rear of or all arms, advanced upon the rear of Norfolk, landing nearly opposite the old Federal Fort known as the "Ripraps."

Why—er, General, I carried them to North Carolina, and have hired them out to the tarmers, and was not aware of doing aught wrong, as you had not then is seed your order regarding the freedom of the constant but gradual sinking of the foundation, was never of great use proposed with your covered to Carolina. foundation, was never of great use proceed, with your approval, to Carolina to the United States, though I believe and bring the negroes back."

that it was used during the war as a prison for Confederates. It was about midway between Fort Monroe and the "eall" the General's "hand," and so shuf-Norfolk shore, and presented an imposing appearance on entering Hampton Roads.

"Mr. Logan Hurst," inquired Ben. But-

ler, "what do you think is the value of your 20 negroes as slaves?" Logao, en-In the early part of May, 1862, two or three gurbouts, with the Galena in the lead, advanced up the James River with replied briskly that he placed their money the view of niding in the movement against the rebel stronghoid. Richmond. About this period Gen. Butler organized the naval and military expedition that representations of the control o About this period Gen. Butler organized the naval and military expedition that resulted in the final capture of Norfolk and Portsmouth, thus securing and holding the

Portsmouth, thus securing and nothing the immense property of the Government located at those points, which had been abandoned to the rebels about a year present the securing and nothing the immense property of the Government located with a locate the securing and nothing the immense property of the securing the securing and nothing the immense property of the securing and nothing the immense property of the Government located with a securing and nothing the immense property of the Government located at those points, which had been abandoned to the rebels about a year present the securing and nothing the immense property of the Government located at those points, which had been abandoned to the rebels about a year present the securing and nothing and nothing the securing and nothing and nothing and nothing and plied with a proper pass, returned to Portsmouth, bringing the negroes, who In May a large fleet was assembled in

In May a large fleet was assembled in Hampton Roads, and some 5,000 or 10,000 soldiers embarked on the vessels. Gen, Butler had the news spread abroad among known rebel sympathizers at Fort Monroe and Hampton that the naval and military expedition there assembled was fold the reduction and capture of Wilmington, N. C., a port which had become famous as the home of the blockade-runner, and whence swift steamers secretly and the reduction in the largely engaged in the lumber business near Deep Creek.

Soon after my arrival at Norfolk, from Richmond, in 1864, I met Lozan on the ferry-boat that plies between Narfolk and Portsmouth, and he detailed to me the above incidents and his interview with that "old rufflan," Ben, Butler, as he after the second of the proposity after the second of the se fectionately called him, and vigorously af-firmed that "never since the creation of the Universe had mortal man been so monstrously treated as he (Logan) by this 'Massachusetts pettifogger.'

(To be continued.)

#### GIBRALTAR OF INDIA. The Deposed Maharajah's Fortress-Capital,

Which Was Once Besieged by an Alligator. London Express. deposition of the Maharajah of

Bharatpur for misgovernment recalls to mind two of the most remarkable episodes of Indian history. A fortress of wonderful natural strength, Bharatpur has the proud distinction of having withstood the fiercest assaults of Lord Lake, the able colleague of Sir Arthur Wellesley, at the of Bharatpur had been built by the gods of Bharatpur had been built by the gods

Hebrew merchants, who asked prices in Richmond that would make cold shivers colleague of Sir Arthur Wellesiey, at the hight of his victorious career.

Rangit Singh, Maharajah of Bharatpur, was one of the first Princes of India to enter into an alliance with the British Government. In the Maharatta war of 1863 against Scindia a Bharatpur contingent helped Lord Lake to gain the victors of Laswari; but when, the following that the properties of Laswari; but when, the following that the properties of Laswari; but when, the following the properties of Laswari; but when, the following the properties of Laswari; but when the following the forms of Laswari and the following the foll run down your back and your hair to The news which the General caused to be scattered broadcast regarding, his intended movement against Wilmington

Lord Lake forthwith attacked Deeg and carried it by assault. Then he laid siege o Bharatpur itself. The town was surunded by a mud wall of great hight and thickness, and protected by numerous bastions. The garrison was estimated at 8,000 men; Lord Lake's force at 12,000.

Being deficient in heavy artillery, the esiegers made little impression on the massive earthworks. At last, after losing nore than a third of his army, Lord Lake cave up the siege.

gave the fortress a unique importance in popular estimation. The prestige of the potent as babes, popular estimation. The preside of the British Government was at stake. A hundred victories elsewhere were discounted by this one defeat. Men talked of it with bated breath, and whispered mysteriously of a Divine mandate that had endowed the consciousness of safety under a Divine transfer of the program of the consciousness of safety under a Divine mandate that had endowed the consciousness of safety under a Divine mandate that the name of Consciousness. the citadel with perpetual impregnability.

It became a public danger—no less serious because it was sentimental. It had to be captured at any cost. The Gov-bled in fear. ërnment bided its time.

THE SECOND SIEGE.

In 1825 the reigning Maharajah died, and the succession was disputed by two consins. One imprisoned the other, and placed himself on the throne. That was the opportunity the British Government was long awaiting. A magnificent army was dispatched under Lord Combernere to rescue the captive.

The besieging force under this General was 25,000 men; but the chief difference river, was also hastily evacuated, the gar-rison passing over a substantial bridge which connected the island with the mainhetween this and the former siege was in the number and quality of the artil-lery. Whereas Lord Lake's siege-train land. Gen. Huger commanded at Norfolk at the time, and, it was said, "took wing" lery. Whereas Lord Lake's siege-train consisted of only 14 guns, his successor had 112, all of the finest pattern then among the first to fly.

As Gen. Wool advanced toward Norfolk and approached what was known as invented, some of which were mortars and howitzers throwing eight-inch to 13-inch the Marsh Bridge, he was met by the Mayor and City Council of Norfolk, who shells. Supplementing these were 40 fieldguns and 10 51/2 inch field-howitzers. handed the Yankees the keys of the city, and some say they even carried an open Bible at their head, hoping, no doubt, to

The investment commenced on Dec. 10, 1825. The garrison, consisting of 8,000 be received back into the folds of the old regulars, gave no sign of life. When the Flag on a sort of Divine basis. eral vantage-grounds in front, a few or the fort guns had fired on them at long range, but, doing little damage and fearing to waste ammunition, they had sunk into sullen silence, So splendid a corps of engineers Lord

as I later heard from the Union citizens of Portsmouth that this "meek and lowly" movement of the City Council of Norfolk was planned to talk and palayer with the Yankees and hold them in gentle check Combernere had brought with him that the parallels were finished and the inwhile the rebels were crossing the river vestment completed by the 21st. Desir-ing to save the women and children in the The immense Navy Yard and its valuable stores of various descriptions again in possession of the Federal Government, town from the horrors of a sieg , he sent a message offering them a free passage. No answer was given to this offer. By the 24th every exit was closed, and all the 112 siege-guns placed in advanced The General was from the State of New York, and an accomplished civil engineer. He soon erected immense and strong fortiposition, some of them within 250 yards of the wall. On that day the bombard He soon erected immense and streng forti-fications in front of the fown of Ports-mouth, all planned by himself and com-pleted under his immediate supervision. These works extended in a half-moon shape nearly two miles, beginning at and inclosing the Navy Yard, on the west side of the town, and extending to the Naval Hessita and inclosing to the Naval ment commenced. So terrible a shower o shells and round-shot was poured into the town and fort that many of the defend ers guns—all of a comparatively feeble range—were overwhelmed and destroyed On the night of the 26th the garrisor made a sortic, captured the most ad-vanced battery, were driven back by re-

inforcements, charged and captured again, and once more repulsed. These strong works were defended by The next day, as if in one last desperate effort, all the surviving fort guns fire with great precision, but did little

> MACKINTOSHES AT FACTORY COST.

farmers, who were permitted, under conditions, to pass into town by the two County roads leading southward. The trees for nearly a mile in front of the fortifications were cut down, throwing

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execution. Their range was too small, and Private O'Flaherty, same company, and the British batteries too well masked. In reply, the hesiegers' guns opened the final hombardment from a distance of searcely 260 yards. The salvoes were magnificent and the execution terrible. Licut. Brewer is a nephew of Justice Fires broke out throughout the town and Crewer of the United States Supreme the garrison within the shelter of Court.
Maj, Nolan, with F and K Troops of the fort.

APPARENTLY IMPREGNABLE. At this stage the most remarkable char-

Whatever damage was done by day was repaired by flight. The garrison worked the human from Lipa, has been scouting like moles, and now in absolute silence—save only when an assault was attention to the latter place.

ineffectual bombardment. Their leaders charge of a fatigue party of 25 men, ran went among them and exhorted them to into an ambush and had a hand-to-hand fresh efforts. Their high priest came fight. Total Filipino dead, 32; American down and reminded them of an ancient casualties, none. This makes the record prophecy.

tingent helped Lord Lake to gain the vic-tory of Laswari; but when, the following year, war broke out also with Holkar, the Bharatpur troops withdrew from the alli-ance, and even gave shelter to the shat-ance, and even gave shelter to the shatren, lest they angered the favorite of the gods.

Thus they lay secure in their prophecy

The besiegers themselves, recognizing the futility of a bombardment alone, took to mining. The garrison laughed scornfully and dug counter-mines.

WHERE THE "ALLIGATOR" CAME IN. the the that has ever happened even in India, the land of marvels. The garrison of the town that had repulsed Lake, that had the failure of the attack under a Gen-

"Combermar" in their language meant "an alligator;" and he had "come across the sea to besiege them." The rest was inevitable. The mines

were sprung on the night of Jan. 18, 1826 and the grand assault, delivered on the following morning. The garrison, indeed, fought with the courage of despair, but in the knowledge of certain defeat. Behold! the ancient prophecy of many cen-turies was at last fulfilled; the scepter had passed to alien hands.

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the 11th Cav., attacked 200 rebels (40 rifles) near Manguisia in the Camarines, dispersing them without trouble. Fifteen acter of the siege became manifest. Not-withstanding the splendid artillery prac-ties.

tice of the besiegers, no actual impression could be made upon the massive mud Captain of the port at Misamis, Min-Capt. Sawyer, 28th U. S., with a de-

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